

# **FACT SHEET**

October 2021

## TONAWANDA LANDFILL VICINITY PROPERTY — TONAWANDA, NEW YORK

Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP)

#### Location

 East Park Drive, in the Town of Tonawanda, NY

## **Site History and Project Description**

- The Department of Energy (DOE) designated the Town of Tonawanda Landfill and Mudflats together as a vicinity property to the Linde Site in 1992.
- The landfill operable unit (OU), an inactive municipal landfill, covers about 55 acres.
- Previous investigations had revealed small areas of soil in the landfill OU with elevated levels of radium, thorium, and uranium.
- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Buffalo District (LRB) is conducting a Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

(CERCLA) investigation and remediation of the site.

### **Importance**

- The original baseline risk assessment concluded that risks to human health from FUSRAP material were within acceptable limits established under federal environmental regulations.
- Adjacent residents are greatly concerned about FUSRAP material in the landfill OU.
- The Corps agreed to conduct additional investigations and incorporate the information into the determination of the potential human health risk from FUSRAP material in the landfill OU.

#### Consequences

 Potential for long-term adverse human health effects

Project Phase	Estimated Federal Cost	Funding through FY21	FY22 Requirement	FY22 Budget	FY23 Requirement	FY23 Budget
Remediation	\$20.8M	\$13.1M	\$500k	\$0	\$500k	TBD

### **Project Sponsor/Customer**

 Customers include property owners (Town of Tonawanda); affected communities and elected leaders; and local, state, and federal environmental and health agencies.

## **Congressional Interests**

- Representative Brian Higgins D NY-26
- Senator Charles Schumer D NY
- Senator Kirsten Gillibrand D NY

### **Current Status**

- The site closeout report is going through HQ review and is scheduled to be released in 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of FY22.
- Following the release of the site closeout report, LRB will start the process to transfer the site back to Department of Energy.

#### Issues

None





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